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SUBJ: UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING, GENEVA FEBRUARY 6-
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1. POLCOUNTS HAD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WITH MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT HEAD EHSASSI JANUARY 25. EHSASSI WILL BE ACCOMPANYING PRINCESS ASHRAF, WHO WILL HEAD IRANIAN DELEGATION TO COMMISSION MEETING AS IN THE PAST. THEY ARE PLANNING TO ARRIVE AROUND FEBRUARY 10 FOR A STAY OF ABOUT TEN DAYS. IRANIAN REPRESENTATIVES FROM NEW YORK AND GENEVA WILL ROUND OUT DELEGATION THERE.

2. MAJOR ITEM IRANIANS EXPECT TO COME AT THIS COMMISSION SESSION, WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED IN REFTEL, IS PROPOSAL FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. GOI'S ATTITUDE CONTINUES AS EXPRESSED IN CONNECTION WITH UNGA DEBATE OF THIS ISSUE, I.E., GOI IS AWARE USG ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO THIS QUESTION AND GOI HAS NO OBJECTIONS IN PRINCIPLE. HOWEVER, IRANIANS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MUCH MORE ABOUT THE PROPOSAL, SUCH AS TO WHOM COMMISSIONER WOULD REPORT, WHAT WOULD BE HIS TERMS OF REFERENCE
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AND RESPONSIBILITIES, ETC. SINCE UNGA VOTED TO REFER THIS ISSUE TO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND ECOSOC, IRANIANS EXPECT IT WILL BE THE MAJOR "HOT CAKE" AT GENEVA MEETING.

3. REGARDING ITEMS LISTED UNDER PARA 3 REFTEL EHSASSI HAD THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS (KEYED TO LETTERING SYSTEM IN THAT CABLE):

A. GOI TRADITIONALLY VOTES WITH ARABS ON QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES.

B. GOI EXPECTS TO SUPPORT NEW RESOLUTION FOR INVESTIGATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE SINCE IT DOES NOT EXPECT COMMISSION WILL BE DISSUADED BY RECENT REFERENDUM RESULTS THERE.

C. GOI EXPECTS TO GO ALONG WITH RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS SOUTH AFRICA.

D. GOI CONSIDERS DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL REIGHTS AS MOST IMPORTANT ITEM FROM ITS OWN POINT OF VIEW AND EXPECTS TO EXPRESS ITS SUPPORT, AS U.S. ALOS DID LAST YEAR.

E. SELF-DETERMINATION IS SEEN AS NON-CONTROVERSIAL PRO FORMA MATTER. GOI EXPECTS TO CO-SPONSOR, AS BEFORE, RESOLUTION ON THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS UNDER DETENTION AND THE PROBLEM OF TORTURE. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, EHSASSI SAID IRAN HAS NOT COME UNDER ATTACK ON THIS ISSUE IN UN COMMISSION.

G. GOI HAS NO SPECIAL NEW PROPOSALS REGARDING FUTURE PROGRAM AND METHODS OF WORK.

H. GOI, ALONG WITH OTHERS, RECEIVES COMPLAINTS EVERY COUPLE OF MONTHS AND THESE ARE FILED WITH ECOSOC, BUT THIS IS ROUTINE MATTER.

I. IN VIEW OF PROMISING DEVELOPMENTS RE POSSIBLE CYPRUS SOLUTION (ON WHICH WALDHEIM BRIEFED THE SHAH DRUING HIS RECENT VISIT HERE) GOI HOPES THERE WILL BE NO DEBATE ON CYPRUS THIS YEAR. IF THERE IS ONE, AND GREEK-CYPRIOTS PARTICIPATE, GOI
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WILL LOYALLY DEFEND TURKISH REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION OF TURKISH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE.

J.K. AND L. THESE ARE VIEWED AS ROUTINE MATTERS.

M. IRAN'S REPRESENTATIVE, MANUCHEHR GANJI, EXPECTS TO BE RE-ELECTED TO THE SUB-MISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES. GOI WILL SUPPORT REELECTION OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ON RECIPROCAL BASIS.

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